

## **PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

**APPLICANT:** Stepping Stones Shelter

**PROJECT:** Central Air Conditioning

**AMOUNT:** \$12,500

**TYPE:** Rehabilitation

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Stepping Stones Shelter is requesting funds for its “Energy Conservation: Central Air Conditioning Project” which would provide for the installation of a central air conditioning system on the first floor of the shelter, replacing a number of window units.

Stepping Stones Shelter is located in a former farmhouse built in 1912 at 1070 Copperstone Court. A number of years ago, a central air conditioning was installed on the second floor where the resident’s bedrooms are located. The first floor contains the general living area for the residents; living room, adult TV room, computer/education room, children’s playroom and the kitchen. The first floor also houses the staff office area.

The use of fans and window air conditioners to control heat and humidity on the first floor has not been successful. The house is old and the windows units do not fit well in the frames, leaving large gaps for warm air to enter. Installing central air conditioning on the first floor would serve two purposes, 1) it would save energy and 2) it would provide a more comfortable living and work environment for the residents, volunteers and staff during summer months.